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SUBJECT: GOT REQUESTS EXPEDITED PROCESSING OF US EXPORT
LICENSE FOR MILITARY CHEMICALS

1. This is an action request -- see para 4.

2. MFA Acting Deputy Director General for Disarmament Bulent Meric convoked polmilcouns on July 19 under instructions "originating with military authorities." Meric requested the USG expedite the processing of an export license application by Mil-Spec Industries for two kilograms each of three chemicals: cyanogen chloride (CNCl), phosgene gas (COCl2) and hydrocyanic acid (HCN). These chemicals are being purchased by Mechanical & Chemical Industries Corporation (MKEK) to use in the production of gas masks for the Turkish armed forces.

3. Meric said that the USG rejected the original end user certificate as containing insufficient information. Upon examination, Meric said he agreed that this was a reasonable finding. The certificate was reissued by MKEK on April 6, 2004, however, with complete information (text at para 5). Still, approval of the export has not been forthcoming; Turkish military authorities suspect the application may have been denied. Polmilcouns told Meric that one should not assume an application had been denied unless Mil-Spec had been so informed. Rather, the application may be waiting for US authorities to deal first with higher priorities. Meric asked that the Embassy intercede to expedite the processing. The Turkish military is in desperate need of gas masks, he stated. Meric was not certain of whether Mil-Spec has requested expedited handling of the license application but said he would inquire. He also did not have a case number.

4. Action request: Embassy requests the appropriate agencies expedite the processing of this Mil-Spec Industries export license application to the extent possible.

5. Begin text of April 6, 2004 end user certificate.

END USER CERTIFICATE

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General Directorate of Mechanical and Chemical Industries Corporation hereby declares that the material listed below ordered to "MIL-SPEC"-U.S.A. is for the use of the Turkish Armed Forces. In addition, we confirm that this products are used by Turkish Ministry of Defense and will not be exported to a third country and Kind of gas mask is use for Military (protect from NBC), is called SR 10, SR10ST with D12 canister, (ST: Drinking Tube System)

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DESCRIPTION QUANTITY

CYANOGEN CHLORIDE (CNCl)	2 kg
PHOSGENE GAS (COCl2)	2 kg
HYDROCYANIC ACID (HCN)	2 kg

End text.
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